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Applicant: Kimiyoshi KITAZAWA et al. Conf.: 8538  
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For: METHOD OF PERMANENTLY COMPRESSING LUMBER  
AND COMPRESSED LUMBER

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 3, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The present Amendment includes **Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims, Amendments to the Drawings, Remarks, and an Appendix**, including a new Abstract and corrected formal drawings.

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